

CLAIMS

1. A windscreen wiper device comprising an elastic,
elongated carrier element, as well as an elongated
5 wiper blade of a flexible material, which can be placed
in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, which wiper
blade includes opposing longitudinal grooves on its
longitudinal sides, in which grooves spaced-apart
longitudinal strips of the carrier element are
10 disposed, wherein neighbouring ends of said
longitudinal strips are interconnected by a respective
connecting piece, which windscreen wiper device
comprises a connecting device for an oscillating wiper
arm, characterized in that at least one connecting
15 piece comprises engaging members engaging around the
longitudinal strips so that said strips are mounted in
grooves formed by said engaging members, wherein said
strips and said connecting piece are slidably connected
by means of a snap connection.
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2. A windscreen wiper device according to claim 1, wherein
the snap connection comprises laterally extending means
on said strips.
- 25 3. A windscreen wiper device according to claim 2, wherein
said laterally extending means comprise at least one
protrusion extending laterally from a longitudinal edge
of each strip, said protrusion being located between
stops on the connecting piece.
- 30 4. A windscreen wiper device according to claim 2 or 3,
wherein said laterally extending means comprise at

least two stops extending laterally from a longitudinal edge of each strip, said stops being located on opposite sides of a protrusion on the connecting piece.

- 5 5. A windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 2 through 4, wherein said laterally extending means extend laterally from the interior longitudinal edge of each strip.
- 10 6. A windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 2 through 5, wherein said laterally extending means extend laterally from the exterior longitudinal edge of each strip.
- 15 7. A windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 1 through 6, wherein the engaging members are integral with said connecting piece.
- 20 8. A windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 1 through 7, wherein said connecting piece is provided with an opening at its free end so that the wiper blade can freely slide through said connecting piece.
- 25 9. A windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 1 through 8, wherein a spoiler is provided and wherein an end of said spoiler is mounted in said connecting piece.
- 30 10. Method for manufacturing a windscreen wiper device according to any of the preceding claims 1 through 9, wherein opposing longitudinal grooves are formed in the

longitudinal sides of an elongate wiper blade of a flexible material, which can be placed in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, in which grooves longitudinal strips of a carrier element are subsequently fitted in spaced-apart relationship, wherein neighbouring ends of said longitudinal strips are interconnected by a respective connecting piece, wherein a connecting device is provided for an oscillating wiper arm, characterized in that said strips and at least one connecting piece are slidably connected by means of a snap connection, wherein engaging members of said connecting piece engage around the longitudinal strips so that said strips are mounted in grooves formed by said engaging members.

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